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PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO.  
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REMARKS

Claims 37-39 have been canceled. No claims have been amended or added by way of this response. All pending claims, claims 1, 3-5, 7-18, 20, 21, 23-26, 29, 30, and 34, are allowed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request receipt of a notice of allowance. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's notation of allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to char any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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